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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST
CARROLL KILPATRICK HEADLINES THE PRESIDENT'S WARM WELCOME IN
AUSTRIA. YOU AND PRESIDENT AND MRS. NIXON ARE PICTURED EN ROUTE
FROM THE HELICOPTER TO AIR FORCE 1 BEFORE DEPARTURE YESTERDAY,
WITH THE CONTINUING STORY ON PAGE A-14.
SPENCER RICH DETAILS THE SENATE'S REFUSAL TO BLOCK THE FUNDS FOR
THE RESEARCH OUTLAY FOR IMPROVING THE ACCURACY OF U.S. MISSILES.
THE VOTE IS DESCRIBED AS A MAJOR PENTAGON VICTORY FOR SECRETARY
SCHLESINGER'S "COUNTERFORCE" CAPACITY. (A-1)
WILLIAM TUOHY DESCRIBES THE FALL OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND
SAYS THE COUNTRY IS ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY. IN THAT EVENT,
EITHER A RIGHTIST MILITARY TAKEOVER OR A LEFTIST GRAB FOR POWER
IS ANTICIPATED. (A-1)
MIGUEL AGOCA REPORTS GENERAL SPINOLA IS APPEALING TO CONSERVA-
TIVES IN PORTUGAL, WHILE PROJECTING AN IMAGE OF A PATRIOT WHO

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IS ABOVE POLITICS, MUCH AS DE GAULLE DID IN FRANCE. (A-18)
 JOSEPH NOVITSKI COVERS THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE LEFT AND RIGHT
 IN PERON'S ARGENTINA. THE LEFT IS CURRENTLY LOSING BUT HAS NOT
 GIVEN UP. (A-18)
 JOHN GOSHKO NOTES THE EEC YESTERDAY APPROVED A PLAN TO ESTABLISH
 CLOSER CONSULTATIONS WITH WASHINGTON AND AGREED TO SEEK A DIALOG
 WITH THE ARAB WORLD FOR LONGTERM COOPERATION. THE CONSULTATIONS
 WILL HAVE THEIR FIRST TEST WHEN YOU MEET GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER
 GENSHER TODAY. YOU HAVE REPORTEDLY APPROVED THE MECHANISM. (A-18)
 THE TEXT OF THE LEAD EDITORIAL HAS BEEN ASSENT WITH THE MORT ALLIN
 NEWS SUMMARY, AS HAS MARQUIS CHILDS' ARTICLE.
 VICTOR ZORZA SAYS THE KREMLIN IS TRYING TO KEEP THE MIDEAST POT
 BOILING IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WILL AVERT THE "EXPULSION" OF SO-
 VIET INFLUENCE IN THE AREA. BUT THE ONLY WAY MOSCOW COULD MAKE
 SURE OF ITS SUCCESS WOULD BE BY REGAINING ITS LOST POSITIONS IN
 EGYPT AND ELSEWHERE BY ENCOURAGING TAKEOVERS BY "PROGRESSIVE
 FORCES." TENSIONS GENERATED BY PALESTINIANS, CONFLICTS LEADING
 TO REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES, NATIONALIZATION, AND THE USE OF THE
 OIL WEAPON ARE ALL PART OF MOSCOW'S PLAN. (A-20)
 JOSEPH KRAFT SEES THE NEXT MIDEAST EXPLOSION BETWEEN THE OIL-
 PRODUCING ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE HAVE-NOTS -- EGYPT, SYRIA,
 AND JORDAN. HE SEES AN AMERICAN ROLE FOR FACILITATING THE
 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE FORMER TO THE LATTER. BUT HE SUG-
 GESTS CAUTION AND HOPES THE COUNTRY WON'T BE RUSHED INTO NEW
 COMMITMENTS BY A DESPERATE PRESIDENT. (A-21)
 JACK ANDERSON SAYS SECRET INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE
 KREMLIN WAS UPSET BY YOUR SUCCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS
 AND ACTUALLY SENT GROMYKO TO DAMASCUS TO OBSTRUCT THE PROCESS.
 THIS COINCIDES WITH A HARDENING OF THE KREMLIN'S ATTITUDE RESULT-
 ING FROM DISPLEASURE OVER CONGRESS' FAILURE TO RATIFY TRADE CON-
 CESSIONS. IT IS BEGINNING TO LOOK AS IF THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE
 TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS TO GET A SOVIET AGREEMENT, WHICH
 HE DESPERATELY NEEDS, AT THE SUMMIT. (B-15)

THE NEW YORK TIMES
 WILLIAM SMITH REPORTS ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SAUDI ARABIA WILL
 TAKE OVER 60 PERCENT OWNERSHIP OF ARAMCO. THERE WERE NO DETAILS
 GIVEN AS TO HOW MUCH THE SAUDIS WOULD PAY OR AS TO WHO WOULD
 HEAD THE COMPANY. (A-1)
 HENRY TANNER WRITES THAT EGYPT, THE U.S., AND ISRAEL ARE IN AGREE-
 MENT TO DELAY THE OPENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE UNTIL THE END
 OF SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. THE SYRIANS AND SOVIETS OPPOSE
 SUCH A MOVE. (A-3)
 JAMES CLARITY REPORTS FROM DAMASCUS THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM
 THE UN FORCE HAVE BEEN HOLDING MEETINGS WITH ISRAELI AND SYRIAN
 OFFICERS INSIDE THE SALIENT CAPTURED BY ISRAEL. THE UN SPOKES-

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MAN SAID THAT THE SEPARATION OF THE ARMIES WAS "GOING SMOOTHLY."
 (A-3)

ONLY HOURS BEFORE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RESIGNED, LEADING CENTRAL BANKERS MEETING IN BASEL, SWITZERLAND SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO ARRANGE FOR LARGE CREDITS TO ITALY. (A-8)

JOSEPH LELYVELD REPORTS THAT A NUMBER OF RECENT PEKING PRONOUNCEMENTS HAVE INDICATED PLAINLY THAT THE DRIVE TO DISCREDIT LIN BIAO AND CONFUCIUS HAS NOT YET LIVED UP TO ITS EXPECTATIONS. (A-14)
 IN AN EDITORIAL DEALING WITH YOUR ROLE IN WIRETAPS, THE TIMES SAYS THAT IF THERE ARE TO BE MORE SERIOUS CHARGES, IT IS UP TO THE CONGRESS AND COURTS TO DECIDE. SOONER OR LATER, THIS WHOLE DISMAL EPISODE MUST HAVE ITS FULL AIRING IN A PROPER FORUM. THE IMPLICATION OF LETTING THE WIRETAPS GO UNCHALLENGED IS INTOLERABLE. (A-38)

RUSSELL BAKER WRITES THAT WITH DOMESTIC PROBLEMS BOTHERING THE PRESIDENT AND WIRETAP PROBLEMS FACING YOU, ONE IMAGINES THAT BOTH OF YOU WERE EMITTING VAST SIGNS OF RELIEF AS YOU HEADED TOWARD OTHER LANDS IN PURSUIT OF THE GENERATION OF PEACE. (A-39)

THE BALTIMORE SUN
 ANDREI GROMYKO WARNED THAT THE IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS ACHIEVED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS COULD BE REVERSED. (A-1)
 AFTER APPARENTLY REACHING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. ON AN INFORMAL PROCEDURE FOR CONSULTATIONS, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NINE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES AGREED TO BEGIN A SERIES OF TALKS WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES, AIMED AT DEVELOPING EUROPEAN-ARAB COOPERATION. (A-1)

ARAB LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO TRY TO CONVINCE PRESIDENT NIXON TO SUPPORT THE VIEW THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST REQUIRES COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. (A-2)

PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING STRUCK HIS FIRST BLOW AGAINST FRANCE'S RUNAWAY INFLATION PROBLEMS BY CUTTING OUT ONE OF THE CONTROVERSIAL ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TESTS WHICH ARE PLANNED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. (A-6)

A SUN EDITORIAL STATES THAT MR. NIXON'S TASK IS TO MAINTAIN, AT EVERY MOMENT OF EACH STAGE OF HIS TRIP, THE CAREFUL, SHAKEY BALANCE THAT HAS BEEN WORKED OUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- IN NO SMALL PART THROUGH YOUR EFFORTS. FORTUNATELY, YOU WILL BE AT THE PRESIDENT'S SHOULDER THROUGHOUT, WITH INSTANT AND CONSTANT ADVICE. (A-22)
 THE NICK THIMMESCH ARTICLE THAT YOU ASKED FOR TROUBLE ON YOUR WIRETAP ROLE WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY. (A-23)

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